

# Bundren Family Braves River

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Flooded River

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## WHAT WENT WRONG?

Tull told our reporters that he had previously advised the Bundrens to wait an extra day before moving with the remains of the late Addie Bundren. However, anxious to get moving, Anse Bundren ordered his sons to get the wagon across the river.

According to Darl Bundren, an argument occurred over the method of getting the wagon across the river. The final decision was to send Jewel Bundren across the river with a support rope, and the wagon would follow. The journey went smoothly until a large log disrupted the wagon's progress. Darl was forced to jump from the wagon, leaving Cash to fend for the coffin and his toolset.

Cash Bundren was unavailable for comment, as he was stricken with illness.

Dewey Dell and Jewel Bundren were also unable to make a statement, as they were tending to Cash.

*Cash, Jewel, and Darl Bundren chose to cross the flooded river yesterday. Anse Bundren, their father, along with Dewey Dell, Vardaman, and Vernon Tull, took the bridge across as his sons courageously took a wagon through the rushing waters. Cash was seriously injured in the crossing, ending with a broken leg and severe sickness.*

## Why Attempt Such A Dangerous Task?

Anse Bundren, father of five, was asked why his oldest sons braved the river. Apparently in shock at Cash's injuries, he replies, "Was there ere a such misfortunate man."

After receiving little information from Mr. Bundren, Vardaman, the youngest of the Bundrens, was asked of his opinion on the matter. He explained, "They almost made it, them three. But then mother jumped into the water and started swimming away. It's okay, though, 'cuz my brother Jewel was able to get her. It's funny how he caught her, 'cuz I thought fish swam faster than people like Jewel. Well, do horses swim good? 'Cuz Jewel *is* part horse, after all."

Confusion may be your first reaction, but we were able to talk to Vernon Tull about the incident, who gave a clear description. He stated, "Well, the wife of the family just passed away, and these people are keepin' the promise Anse made when she died. He said that she'd be buried in Jefferson, so that's what they're doing."

Bundren's  
Deceased  
Mules

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